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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: STAN A. BROWN) GROUP ART UNIT
RAFAEL ANTONIO FEMATT)
ROBERT C. BORCHERT AND) 3644
VICTOR MANUEL VIESCA)
SERIAL NO.: 10/688,036) PRIMARY EXAMINER
FILED: OCTOBER 16, 2003) SUSAN C. ALIMENTI
FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING)
SYSTEM HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY)
STABLE VACUUM LEVEL AND)
METHOD FOR USING SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

OF ONE (1) MONTH FOR RESPONSE TO

OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

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An Office Action dated August 26, 2005, was received in the above-identified Application which set a time for response of three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before November 26, 2005. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by one (1) month, which extends the response date from November 26, 2005 to December 26, 2005. The Small Entity Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1) for responding one (1) month beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$60.00. A check for \$60.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended one (1) month to December 26, 2005, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1).

Respectfully submitted,



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